

Walnut Dollison Historic District
839 E. Walnut Street
Arch D. McGregor House
Springfield
Greene County
Missouri

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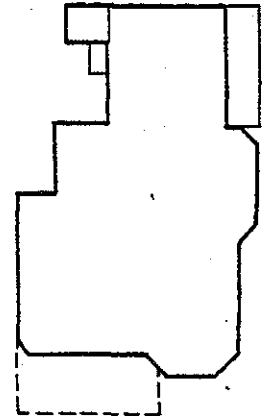
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Location: Springfield, Greene County, Missouri
Cadastral grid : SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, S24, T29N, R22W
USGS quadrangle: Springfield Missouri 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ '
UTM Coordinates: 15.474960.4117660
Lot dimensions : 50'x 200' .23 acres
Lot description: Beginning at the NW corner of Walnut and Dollison Streets, W 50', N 200', E 50', S to beginning

Present Owner: Bay Finance Company, Inc.
Present Usage: multiple unit residence
Present Condition: fair - good



Overall Dimensions: 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ 'x 45' 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ stories
Orientation : south
Architectural Plan type : irregular plan with offset rear wings
Description : Foundation: stone block
Structure : wood frame
Ext. walls: beveled siding with vertical or diagonal flush siding panels over first floor bay windows and imbricated shingles in gables; plywood siding added to rear porch
Roof: asphalt shingled, moderately pitched, asymmetrical hipped roof with pedimented and slightly flared corner gables; gabled and shed roofs over rear wings
Dormers: single bellcast hipped dormer with shingled siding on front
Windows: 1/1 double-hung with plain lintel, casings and slip sill
Porches: open 1-story front porch on south replaces original 1-story porch with circular corner pavillion; open porch on east side of rear wing has been enclosed
Details: dentilled and moulded cornice with plain block modillions under main and dormer roofs; plain entablature on front porch roof; massive square columns and balusters on front porch

Construction Date : 1892-93

Architecture Style: Transitional: Late Victorian - Neoclassical

Statement of Significance: Built by early Springfield businessman Arch McGregor, this large frame house is typical of the picturesque residences built along East Walnut Street around the turn of the century. It features the asymmetrical form and diverse detailing of the Late Victorian style with the massiveness and front porch design of the later Neoclassical bungalow, combining the two styles into a building common for the neighborhood. The house is strikingly similar to 835 East Walnut, next door - built at the same time by Arch's brother Charles McGregor. Both worked for the father John McGregor's hardware business, formed in 1866 as McGregor, Noe and Keet. In 1914 Arch became president of the company, and four years later Charles sold his

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interest in the business to purchase an auto dealership. Arch McGregor continued at the hardware store until his death at 84 in 1940. As one of the city's leading businessmen, he was also socially and politically prominent in Springfield - a formative figure to the city.

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